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SUBJECT: ALLEGED VIOLATION MEXICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS
BY U.S. COAST GUARD VESSEL

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1. EMBASSY QUESTION CONTAINED REFTEL B, WHETHER US
"RECOGNIZED" 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, SHOULD HAVE
BEEN WHETHER US "RESPECTS" THAT SEA WHERE IT IS CLAIMED.
EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT US AS GENERAL RULE DOES SO
IN PRACTICE. THIS SEEMS TO BE REFLECTED IN USCG
STATEMENT IN PARA 3, REFTEL A.

2. MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT FORMALLY PROTESTED
INCIDENT AND IS UNLIKELY TO DO SO, BEING FAMILIAR
WITH USG POSITION ON TERRITORIAL SEA AS DEPARTMENT
POINTS OUT. HOWEVER, MEXICAN NAVY HAS RASIED
MATTER IN RESENTFUL TERMS WITH DEFENSE ATTACHE'S
OFFICE AND LATTER IS CONCERNED THAT ANOTHER
"INCIDENT" WILL PREJUDICE EXCELLENT MEXICAN
COOPERATION IN AIR-SEA RESCUE WORK.

3. IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING MEETING OF PRESIDENTS
FORD AND ECHEVERRIA AS WELL AS NEED FOR MEXICAN
COOPERATION ON ONGOING LAW OF SEA NEGOTIATIONS,
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EMBASSY RECOMMENDS USCG AVOID PROVOKING CONTROVIERSIAL

ISSUE OR INCIDENT BY STAYING OUT OF 12-MILE ZONE
EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES -- E.G., DISTRESS OR HOT
PURSUIT.
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